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In the Matter of)

Telecommunications Relay Services, and)
 the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990)

CC Docket No. 90-571

**THE UNITED STATES TELECOM ASSOCIATION'S
 COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF
 THE COIN SENT-PAID INDUSTRY TEAM'S REPORT**

The United States Telecom Association ("USTA"),¹ through the undersigned, hereby submits its comments in support of the participating USTA Members' collective efforts and recommendations with respect to their participation as members of "the Coin Sent-Paid Industry Team"² and the informal report filed in the above-captioned proceeding by that team with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") on July 6, 2000, at the request of FCC staff.

¹For more than 100 years, USTA has been representing the interests of the small, mid-size and large companies of the nation's local exchange carrier industry. The Association represents more than 1,200 companies worldwide that provide local exchange, long distance, wireless, Internet, and cable services.

²The parties filing the July 6, 2000 "Report of Coin Sent-Paid Industry Team" include AT&T, GTE, Bell Atlantic, Sprint, WorldCom, BellSouth, SBC, American Public Communications Council, Inc., GCI, Hamilton Telephone, US West, Vista IT ("Industry Team"). Previously, USTA had been a member of the "TRS Industry Team", which existed prior to 1996 and was the predecessor to the current Industry Team. The TRS Industry Team, as previously configured, had collectively included the American Public Communications Council, Inc., Ameritech, AT&T, Bell Atlantic, BellSouth, GTE, Hamilton Telephone Company, MCI, NYNEX, Pacific Bell and Nevada Bell, Southwestern Bell, Sprint and US West.

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I. COMMENTS

Herein, USTA lends its support for the recommendations that were made in the July 6, 2000 Report of Coin Sent-Paid Industry Team. That Report recommends that the Alternative Plan provides the most technically feasible method of placing calls to relay centers that is most functionally equivalent to calls the general population would place away from home, and urges the Commission to suspend its coin sent-paid requirement (§ 47 C.F.R. 64.604(a)(3)), determine that the Alternative Plan is in the public interest, and permanently adopt the requirements of the Alternative Plan. Additionally, the Report recommends the establishment of a nationally funded TRS outreach campaign. Believing that the Alternative Plan comports with all relevant Commission authority and law, USTA supports the adoption by the Commission of the recommendations made in the July 6, 2000 Industry Team Report, to the extent that such recommendations fully comply with Commission authority and relevant law.

III. CONCLUSION

USTA urges the FCC to adopt the Industry Team's recommendations, as stated in the Industry Team's July 6, 2000 Report filed in this docket.

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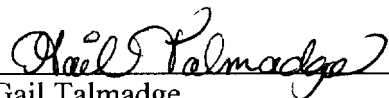
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